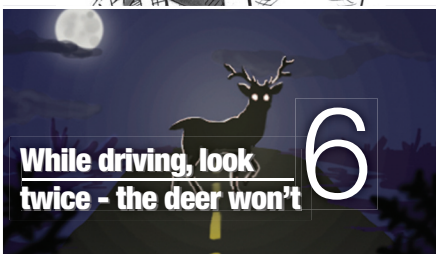




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## National Book Lover's Day celebrates literature, joy of reading

Jena Sauber  
staff writer

Books allow readers to escape to foreign lands, go on death-defying adventures and experience unusual lives. This Saturday is National Book Lover's Day in honor of these books and the people who enjoy them.

"Reading exposes us to things. It allows us to attempt to understand things and expand our perception of the world. It allows us to see things in different ways, through the eyes of different people," said Cameron Leader-

Picone, assistant professor of English. "It also taps into something deep within us: our desire to understand and learn more about ourselves."

National Book Lover's Day is commonly celebrated both on Aug. 9 and on the first Saturday of November. The origin of the holiday is generally unknown.

According to *holidayinsights.com*, "There is some disagreement over when this day is celebrated. The vast majority of sites list it on Aug. 9. A smaller number of sites have it recorded on the first Saturday in No-

vember. If you are a true book lover, you will enjoy celebrating it on both days."

K-State's Hale Library offers a wide selection of both fiction and non-fiction books. Stacks manager Ben Hedges estimates that Hale Library's collection includes between 100,000 and 150,000 fiction books. Hedges said that the collection often changes and expands.

"It generally changes on a weekly basis through new donations, purchases and acquisitions," Hedges said. "There is always something new."

According to research by the Pew Research Center released on Oct. 23 on "Younger Americans' Reading and Library Habits," more than 8 in 10 Americans between the ages of 16 and 29 have read a book in the past year. Among this age group, college-age adults (18-24) exhibit the highest reading rate of any age group.

As more publications become available through electronic tablets, the methods people use to read books change; however, the trend continues to lean toward print



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Holly Banks, freshman in open option, reads "First Grave on the Right" by Darynda Jones in Bosco Student Plaza on Thursday afternoon.

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## K-State, Manhattan area news briefs

Karen Sarita Ingram  
edge editor

### English graduates to discuss jobs

The English Department will be hosting "Alumni Connections," an event designed to help English majors learn more about the types of jobs available with an English degree, today at the Tadmor Board Room in the Alumni Center from 4-5 p.m. Five English graduates from the K-State and Manhattan community will be discussing their jobs and how their English degree helped them obtain work.

The speakers will include Sara Kearns, academic librarian at Hale Library; Jay Nelson, co-owner of the Sirecker-Nelson Art Gallery; Darchelle Martin, events and program coordinator of Hale Library and more. The event is targeted for English majors and minors, but is free and open to students of all academic majors.

### Indian cultural show and lunch

The Indian Student Association will be hosting a cultural show and luncheon on Saturday. The luncheon will take place at the ECM building, located at 1021 Denison Ave., at 12 p.m. The cultural show, Sanskriti 2012, will take place in Forum Hall from 4-6 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon are \$12, while the Indian cultural show is free and open to the public. For more information, or to order tickets, call 408-707-8054.

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## SGA plans for K-State's anniversary celebration

Zach Foley  
staff writer

In a brief meeting last night, the Student Governing Association discussed plans for the university's 150th anniversary and was visited by a representative from "The Music Man."

To start off the meeting, held in the Big 12 Room of the K-State Student Union, Jackie Hartman, director of community relations, addressed the room on the subject of the university's 150th anniversary, or sesquicentennial.

"The kickoff will be on Feb. 14," Hartman said. "[which is] usually associated with a holiday painted in red, but this year we are going to paint it purple."

Many celebrations will be held, leading up to the burying of a time capsule at next year's Homecoming game.

Thirty fiberglass wildcats will also be decorated or painted by various sponsors for the sesquicentennial. SGA is sponsoring one of these statues that will be displayed around Manhattan during the celebrations and then auctioned off to fund a renewable scholarship.

Student Senate speaker Emilee Taylor, senior in sociology, introduced the various ideas that the executive committee had come up with to decorate the SGA statue. The ideas included Willie the Wildcat through the years and different words representing K State students. The design will be

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## New members perform 'On the Spot'

Shelby Brunk  
staff writer

On the Spot, K-State's improv group, introduced new members in its first performance of the semester Thursday night in the K-State Student Union's Little Theatre.

On the Spot is a student-led organization now in its fourth year of improvisational comedy.

"Just a few years ago we started out performing at bars, and it was just weird," said Shelby Storrie, member of On the Spot and junior in animal science. "Now we're actually performing to people who like improv and people who are actually seeking us out."

Storrie sought out the improv group at Wildcat Warmup as a freshman and joined immediately, but the process for joining has become more competitive.

"This year's auditions we had 30 people," Storrie said. "We would have to do callbacks just from all the attention the group was gaining."

Like other improv groups, On the Spot includes the audience in their performances, asking members of the crowd to come up with and select ideas to add to the bits.

The first skit of the night included a member of the group dying while



Evert Nelson | Collegian

The audience laughs at the antics of the On the Spot improv team during the show on Thursday in the Little Theatre.

talking in jibberish. The crowd was asked to come up with ideas for the murder weapon. The ultimate storyline involved Hurricane Sandy hitting Kansas and members being killed

with a shotgun. The raucous laughter elicited from this first performance set the new members at ease.

Michael Lee, new member of On the Spot and freshman in animal sci-

ence, said auditions this year were exhilarating.

"I felt mid of the pack at first, but

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## Women's basketball team wins first exhibition game, 68-57



John Zetmeir  
staff writer

Fort Hays State University's women's basketball team put up a fight, controlling the game for most of the first half and keeping it close in the second, but K-State was able to pull out a win in their first exhibition game of the season, edging out the Tigers, 68-57, in Bramlage Coliseum on Thursday.

"It feels good to get that first game under our belt," said head coach Deb Patterson. "A lot of new faces in the gym, a new system, a smaller team on the floor and a lot of new things we're trying to learn and grow from."

One big question facing the K-State women's basketball team coming into this season was whether such a small team would be able to match

up with taller post players. The Tigers were able to exploit K-State's undersized post defense by utilizing 6-foot-4-inch Fort Hays sophomore center Kate Lehman. Lehman finished the game with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Entering the season, it was clear that the Wildcats would have to rely heavily on the play of senior guard Brittany Chambers, a fourth-year starter. She wouldn't disappoint, finishing with 17 points and 10 rebounds in the win. Another Wildcat who stepped up big in the game was sophomore guard Ashia Woods, who tallied 19 points and eight rebounds.

"I think that the first game is always nerves," Chambers said. "Everyone is anxious to get on the court and get going and not knowing what to expect, because practice and games are two different things."

Not only did Chambers finish the game second on the team in scoring, but she led the team in rebounds and minutes played. In fact, she played all 40 minutes for the

Wildcats.

"I really shouldn't have done that. Not giving her one break," Patterson said. "She was competing the pace of the game well; she's very experienced. She is a 38- to 40-minute-a-game player at this stage in her career. There will be nights when that's not necessary, but I thought tonight it was important."

The Wildcats will take on the Washburn University Ichabods in their second and last exhibition game on Monday.

"As we head into that Washburn game, I think that we'll take every minute of this game and find something that we can learn from," Patterson said. "In the greater sense, it's always very positive for your young players to kind of feel the tempo and to understand what it's like to have to begin to perform under pressure and to establish timing. So I feel really good that we had so many players have that opportunity tonight."

K-State will square off with Washburn on Monday at Bramlage Coliseum. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Jacob Dean Wilson | Collegian

Sophomore guard Ashia Woods jumps above opposing Fort Hays State players for a shot on Thursday night in Bramlage Coliseum. Woods ended the night with 19 points and eight rebounds.

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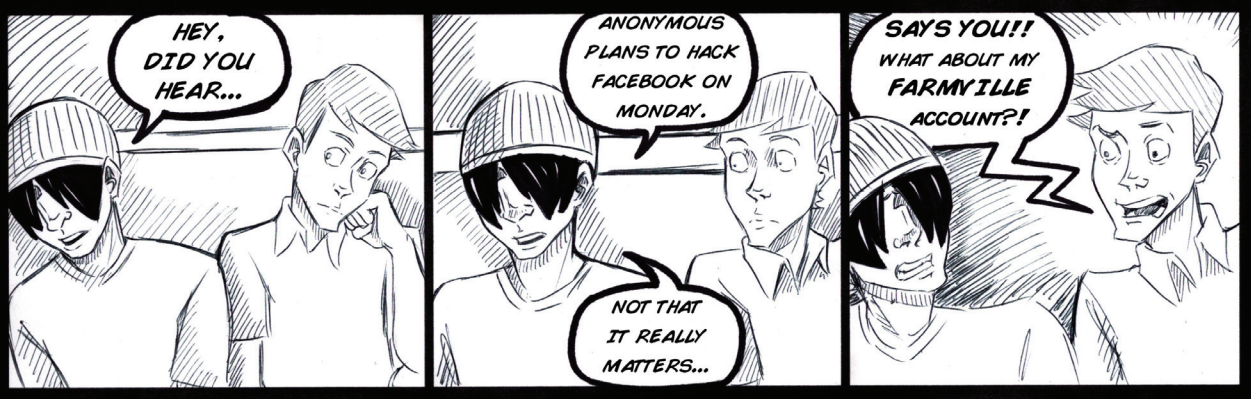


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**Crystal Marie Anderson**, of the 6200 block of Robin Lane, was booked for theft by decep- tion and direct contempt of court. Bond was set at \$2,000.

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# Rowling ventures into adult fiction with mixed results

## “Casual Vacancy”

★★★★☆

book review by Jeana Lawrence

J.K. Rowling, author of the world famous “Harry Potter” series, released a new book, “The Casual Vacancy” at the end of September. Aimed at a more adult audience, “The Casual Vacancy” has received mixed reviews. Some call it dull and bland, while others praise Rowling for tackling important and controversial social issues.

Either way, it sold 375,000 copies in the first six days — enough to knock “Fifty Shades of Grey” off of USA Today’s Best-Selling Book list, which had been at No. 1 for 21 of the previous 23 weeks.

This, of course, is not Rowling’s biggest book release. According to CNN Money, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” sold 8.3 million copies its first day. However, the publisher was moderately pleased by how Rowling’s new book has done so far.

I found the plot a bit confusing. When I read some book reviews before the release date, I was under the impression that Barry Fairbrother, a city councilman, would be the main character. However, Fairbrother dies within the first few pages.

Here’s some background information: the main setting is Pagford, an English town situated next to a large city, Yarvil. Pagford citizens don’t like Yarvil, mainly because they are afraid Yarvil will swallow them up and take away their small town identity. For many years, Pagford didn’t have to worry about the encroaching Yarvil, because a large plot of land called the

“Fields” owned by a wealthy family from the area acted as a barrier between the country town and the industrial city.

However, the family sold the Fields to Yarvil for the construction of homes for low-income families and has since become a ghetto. Traditional, snobby, middle-class Pagford citizens look down on the lower-class people who live in the Fields and Yarvil, associating them with sex and drugs.

At the time of Fairbrother’s death, Pagford is redrawing its district lines, which includes all of Pagford and some surrounding areas including the Fields. They are also voting on whether to shut down the drug rehabilitation center in the Fields because, according to some, the clinic is useless and the building could be put to better use.

Many want to finally exclude the Fields and shut down the clinic as part of cut backs in their recession. Others want to keep the Fields and the clinic because they think people in those areas can benefit from Pagford’s resources, whereas if they were grouped with Yarvil, the people would not receive the attention and care they need.

All of this background isn’t really explained in the book. The characters carry on as if the reader should already know all of this, and it wasn’t until I was about three-quarters of the way in that it became clear to me.

The actual plot of the book, which takes place over a few days or weeks, is really just watching the characters unravel as their secrets are revealed while campaigning to fill Fairbrother’s chair. You can see the social tension between the classes as they fight for

the Fields and the clinic.

There is also great conflict between teens and their parents. Some of the characters made me want to hit them. In the face. With a chair. With others, I felt so horrible and miserable for them that I wished I could step in the book and fix all their problems.

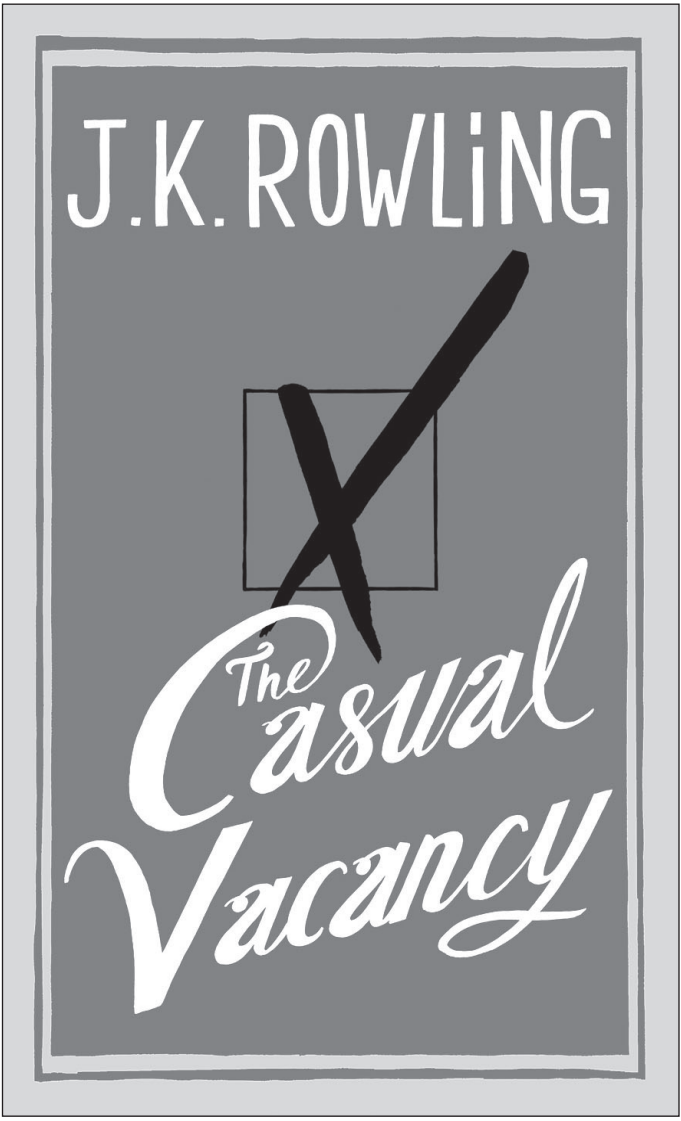
The characters are the redeeming factor in the book, as they make up for the boring and muddy plot line. Rowling has once again created characters that you connect with and feel for. She has somehow made a boring book enthralling and engaging.

Rowling also tackles several controversial issues in “The Casual Vacancy,” namely drugs, domestic violence and suicide, which has earned her some criticism. Teens and adults alike should read “Vacancy” to discuss and learn about these issues. You get to see both sides of the story and put a face to some of these problems.

Just to be clear, this book is not for young readers. There are several sexual scenes and a lot of cursing. If Rowling wanted to stray as far from “Harry Potter” as possible, she certainly achieved it in her first adult book.

Overall, Rowling hasn’t produced a big winner. She completely branched away from magic and children’s literature, but still has her recognizable sense of style and humor. “The Casual Vacancy” is a compelling read, mainly because of the depth of each character. Still, it sometimes got too depressing, and I had to take a break. I would give it 3.5 out of 5 stars.

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# Manga effectively uses romance with unusual setting to draw in readers



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## “Kamisama Hajimemashita”

★★★★☆

manga review by Kate Haddock

What can a girl do to support herself when she’s kicked out of her house and abandoned by her no good gambling father? She could take a leaf out of Nanami Momozono’s book and become a human god. This

is the premise of the manga “Kamisama Hajimemashita” by Julietta Suzuki, also known as “Kamisama Kiss.”

This ongoing manga series began in 2008 and follows Nanami, a high schooler who is made fun of for being poor and having an unreliable dad. In the first chapter, we find Nanami alone in a park after being evicted from her apartment. A mysterious stranger appears before her and quickly offers her a new home, free of charge.

Nanami’s new home is a beat-up old shrine that contains a couple of minor spirits and a very grumpy fox demon named Tomoe. Nanami discovers that she is the new land god of the shrine and that Tomoe, a very powerful demon, is her familiar. The story follows Nanami as she encounters demons, learns to be a god and tries to get the stubborn Tomoe to help her.

Although this manga follows a pretty typical pattern for a shoujo manga (targeted for female audiences) in its romantic plot, the unique characters and premise set the manga apart.

Tomoe isn’t your typical romantic lead. He is stubborn, mean and completely unwilling to help Nanami in the beginning. It is her constant desire to improve herself and do good for others which brings Tomoe to the light. Nanami is quite an enjoyable character with her persistent attitude and hopeless naivety about demons and their lives.

The premise is quite good as well and makes the typical

romance more interesting. Nanami has to balance schoolwork with her god duties, which include answering prayers and blessing relationships. She has an especially big responsibility to restore the rundown shrine to its former glory.

At the same time, Nanami is constantly being threatened by demons because she has a god’s power in a frail human body. It is intriguing to see the different types of demons that come after her, including a

Tengu, or crow demon, and an ice demon.

The only criticism I have of this series is its very typical romantic plot. Nanami is smitten with Tomoe quite quickly early in the series which is a bit disappointing for her strong character. I prefer the strong lady lead who won’t take any crap from the disdainful love interest.

The refreshing part of the love story is the development of Tomoe’s feelings for Nanami. It

is very subtle and cute, which is something that I appreciated.

This manga is a refreshing read for someone looking for a fluffy romance with a unique setting. It is licensed by Viz Media and has been adapted into an anime that is currently running. I give this manga 4 out of 5 stars for its witty development of a girl into a god.

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# Character-driven movie worth watching

## “The Master”

★★★★☆

movie review by Tyler Brown

Take a man, any man, and give him the charisma and unwavering belief that he only speaks the truth, and people will follow him. It’s a theory backed up by eons of proof and is one of the many ideas behind Paul Thomas Anderson’s latest film, “The Master.”

The film follows WWII Navy veteran Freddie Quell (Joaquin Phoenix) as he floats through society, directionless and trying to find a purpose. Struggling with alcoholism and post-traumatic stress disorder, Quell goes through a few jobs, always remembering war time when things were much simpler for him. Eventually, this troubled boozier stumbles upon one Lancaster Dodd (Philip Seymour Hoffman), a man leading a group simply called The Cause.

Dodd and his disciples follow a pseudo-science that revolves around ideas such as living one’s past lives through time-travel hypnosis. This sort of therapy was very popular in post-war America and part of the reason these directionless people look to Dodd, their Master, for answers. However, such beliefs cannot simply go unchecked, and Dodd clashes with those who don’t believe or question him.

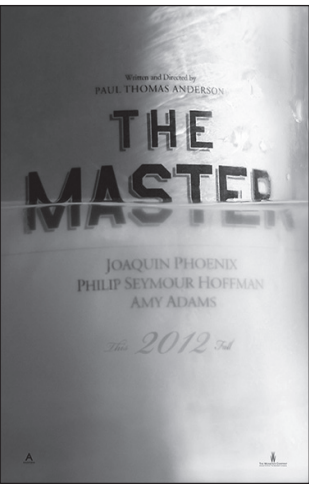
It’s this idea of order (Dodd)

versus chaos (Quell) that makes “The Master” such a compelling film. I would hardly call the story Anderson offers here a full-fledged narrative, as we skip ahead some years every now and then, always focusing on Quell and Dodd. No, this film works more as an intense character study between these two men and their warring personalities, trying to bring one another to each other’s level, while also struggling against it.

The actors bringing these two main characters to life deserve, at least, Oscar nominations. Phoenix disappears into the character of Freddie Quell, leaving no trace of the actor, but only a broken man. Hoffman is great fun as the charismatic Lancaster Dodd, and one can see why people would follow him. It’s when these two powerful characters come together that the audience is simply spoiled by their chemistry.

Controversy followed this film’s limited release, as many saw parallels between Lancaster Dodd and Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard. The Cause even uses “processing” for new members, similar to Scientology’s “auditing” process. In the film, Dodd’s son asks Quell if he can see that Dodd is, “making it up as he goes along.” This is the line that had Tom Cruise, known Scientologist, up in arms about the film.

If anything else can be said about “The Master,” it’s that the



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cinematography astounds. Each shot is beautifully set up and helps create the perfect characterizations of this uncertain world our protagonists live in, and portrays just how small one can feel in it.

Although Anderson’s “The Master” doesn’t deliver as much story as it does interesting and complex characterization, it’s still worth seeing. I rate it 4 out of 5 stars. If you’re a fan of Anderson’s other work, then you know what you’ll be getting. Go see it, become immersed in the relationship between Quell and Dodd, and think about all of the ideas Anderson brings up for hours after the credits roll.


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# Female politicians needed to discuss women’s health



When I think of politicians, I cringe both inwardly and outwardly, especially when I consider the ignorant phrases that tend to come out of their mouths. Now, I'm no professional public speaker, so I can understand stumbling over speeches in front of crowds, but I cannot wrap my head around the idiocies that politicians sometimes utter.

We all recall Rep. Todd Akin's cringeworthy reference to "legitimate rape," but his words have been reiterated by many other politicians before him.

In 1995, Republican Rep. Henry Aldridge said, "The facts show that people who are raped — who are truly raped — the juices don't flow, the body functions don't work and they don't get pregnant. Medical authorities agree that this is a rarity, if ever."

In a 1997 article, Federal Judge James Leon Holmes wrote, "concern for rape victims is a red herring because conceptions from rape occur with approximately the same frequency as snowfall in Miami."

Or, most recently, Republican hopeful John Koster indelicately uttered the phrase "the rape thing," multiple times when

describing his views on abortion during a fundraiser Sunday, according to an Oct. 31 Associated Press article by Mike Baker. In case you were wondering, Koster would oppose abortion when it involves rape or incest.

I'm not sure where these people are coming up with these ideas, but the current issue I would like to address is that the majority of politicians discussing women's rights are middle-aged white males who don't seem remotely educated about women's bodies or their health.

Now don't get me wrong, there have definitely been some ignorant phrases from female politicians as well, recent presidential candidate hopeful Michele Bachmann included, but the representation women in politics simply sad.

According to a Center for American Women and Politics article titled

"Women in Elective Office 2012," women account for 16.8 percent of Congress, 17 percent of the Senate and 16.8 percent of the House of Representatives; of the 320 available positions in state elective executive offices, 75 are held by women.

According to the United State Census Bureau, in 2011, women

made up 50.8 percent of the population. These statistics show that women, who make up more than half the population, are being sorely underrepresented in politics.

Before you start thinking that I'm about to begin an all-out bashing spree about how the white male is keeping down the female population, allow me to explain myself.

I do not know why there are so few women in politics. It could be that there are not many running for candidacy. As a sane woman myself, I see little draw to the corrupt world of politics. Or, it could be that women in politics are critiqued more harshly than men and

therefore do not wish to brave the scorn of the media. It could also be that stereotypes in our society influence the general population against voting for women in office.

I do not presume to know why this problem is occurring, but the fact that women represent less than a quarter of our political body when they account for more than half the population is an issue that needs to be brought to the forefront of discussion.

Women's health and women's rights have been big issues in this year's election — at least for me — but the people these issues concern are being left out of the conversation. Instead, we watch painfully as middle-aged men stumble over their assumptions about the female body and utter palm-to-forehead phrases.

As a woman, I do not assume to know any more about the functions of the male body than the basic knowledge I learned in a high school anatomy class. Therefore, I would not implement policies from any high-handed assumptions I might have.

We need women in office to talk about women's health, instead of men deciding what women should do with their bodies.

Let me put it this way: if you don't have a vagina, there's no need to tell me how mine operates.

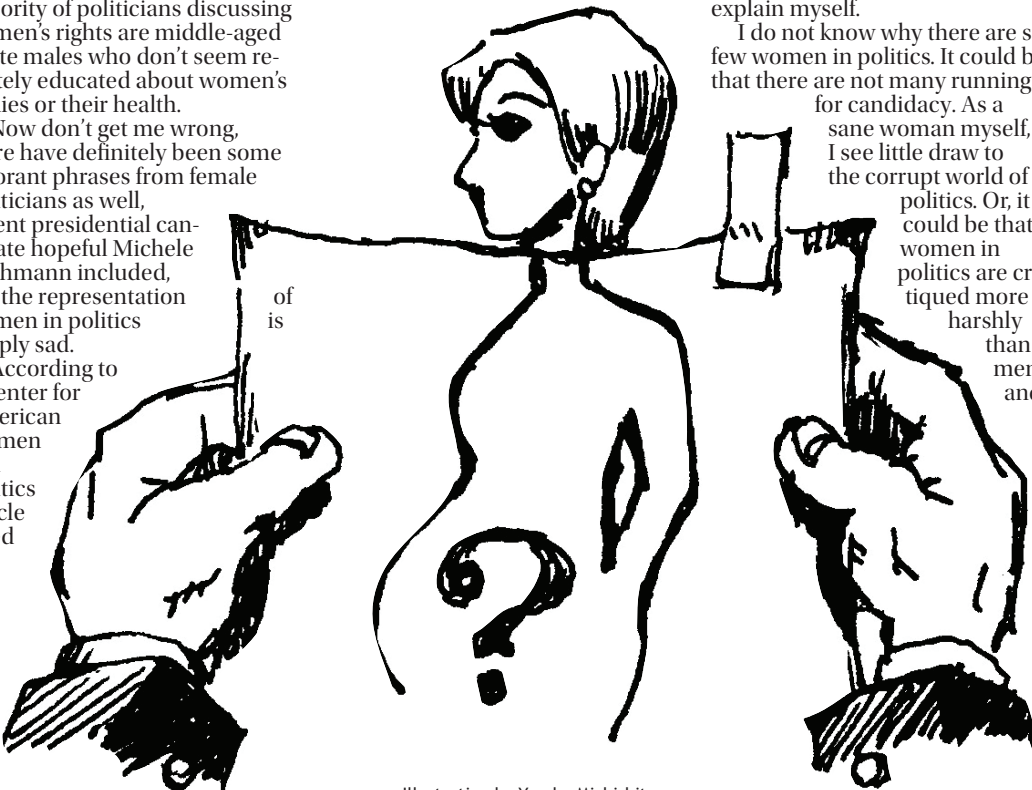


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# As student debt rises, government should not decrease university funding



Student debt affects a huge portion of the population, and the percentage of those in debt is continually rising. According to a May 12 New York Times article by Andrew Martin and Andrew Lehren, there is more than \$1 trillion in student debt in the U.S., and this figure will undoubtedly rise with the cost of tuition.

The average debt for a student in 2011 was \$23,300, according to the New York Times article, and I believe this number will only increase in the future due to the poor economy and decrease of funds received by the state.

"I'll be paying this forever," said Chelsea Grove, 24, who dropped out of Bowling Green State University and owes \$70,000 in student loans, according to the article.

Grove is not an excep-



Illustration by Chris Sanford

tion to the rule, but is, in my opinion, the norm for many students.

The good news is that most K-State students do not spend their lives trying to pay back loans. Instead,

it takes the average K-State student 10 years to pay back student loans. Larry Moeder, director of student financial assistance, said that the average student debt incurred at K-State is \$22,308, slightly

below the national average.

"There are a number of opportunities to help students pay debt," Moeder said.

One subsidized loan for students with low income does not incur any debt while the student is in school, but starts at 3.4 percent interest after graduation. Another starts at 5 percent. Both of these loans are based on income.

An unsubsidized loan starts immediately after the loan is obtained with an interest rate of 6.8 percent. K-State, however, tries to help students who have incurred more than one of these loans and combines them so that the student is only making one payment a month.

Besides helping students consolidate loans, K-State has a group dedicated to student money management called Powercat Financial Counseling, which helps students manage debt and gives practical money advice. It is, therefore, not surprising that only 4.3 percent of K-State students either do not pay their money back or fail to make minimum monthly payments on time.

According to a K-State Telefund supervisor, K-State used to receive more government funding, but that number has significantly dropped. While K-State still

gives out a number of scholarships, according to the Telefund it will not be able to do so if there is a decrease in sponsors. The good news is that, despite the economy, K-State continues to see an increase in private funding.

The university, however, will still be affected if the government continues to decrease the amount of financial support they provide, and the result will be an increase in tuition. Tuition at state schools in general has increased by 72 percent according to the New York Times article. The government continues to give less to universities because it believes that the universities could raise the money on their own.

State legislators and government officials need to realize that the money raised by schools not only goes toward scholarships, but also to improving faculty, campus safety and other important aspects of a quality university. And even though universities like K-State raise a substantial amount of money and give a majority to scholarships, according to K-State Telefund, they are still forced to continually raise tuition.

Another factor in debt is the economy itself and its affect on students. For those

students who do not have a full ride to college, which is most of us, going to school and maintaining a job is our only option. The economic depression results in fewer jobs and lower salaries, which will make life after college difficult even for those without loans to pay off. The bad economy also affects those who get help from their parents. Many students' parents could lose their jobs, making it harder for them to help out with loans and education costs.

In addition to the increase in student's average debt, there has also been an increase in student loans in general. According to the New York Times article, more than 66 percent of students who obtain their bachelor's degree borrow money for college, which is up from 45 percent in 1993.

Students are in troubled times in terms of finances and student loans. The government is contributing less and less each year, and the only potential solution is a solid paying job after graduation and a hope that the economy will improve.

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# Wasteful government spending reflection of societal attitudes, values



In 2008, Sarah Palin, who was governor of Alaska at the time, was nominated as a vice presidential candidate. For several weeks, Palin and running mate John McCain surged in the polls; Palin's cheerful optimism and strong-minded, opinionated personality had captured the hearts of the conservative base.

But then, things went south. Reports of Palin's performance as governor surfaced, and they weren't pretty.

One project in particular raised eyebrows around the nation: the infamous "Road to Nowhere."

The \$26 million road meandered through the Alaskan coastline, weaving its way to the middle of nowhere and abruptly ending. Palin's original budget for the construction project? \$398 million of pork barrel funding from state and federal funds.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is a prime example of the problem that American government needs to solve.

Although the economy is slowly improving and unemployment is slowly starting to dip below 8 percent, government spending is through the roof. Though CBS News

reported on Oct. 12 that the government cut the deficit gap by \$207 billion, our total national debt hit \$16 trillion earlier this month.

Now there are a couple of ways to look at this because, believe it or not, debt can be used for good. Credit markets are a fundamental base of our economy, because without credit and loans, cash would not flow so freely.

Continuing to rack up trillions of dollars of wasteful debt, however, will be a catalyst for economic catastrophe.

Every dollar of spending adds up, especially when many of the projects that these dollars fund end up being less than beneficial.

For example, the federal government spends an estimated \$930 million a year on printed materials; most of which is seen decorating the inside of recycling bins in state and national Capitols, according to Oklahoma senator Tom Coburn in a 2010 report called "Wastebook 2010."

This report details many ludicrous projects that the government has funded by essentially extorting money from taxpayers.

Coburn's "Wastebook" identified many specific projects, including one initiative that aimed to discover levels of methane emission from dairy cows. The following conclusion was made by project investigator Ruth Varner: "Cows emit most of their methane through belching, only a small frac-

tion from flatulence."

Are you f----- kidding me? This project needed \$700,000 in taxpayer money to tell me that cows release methane from burping and farting?

How about we take some of that money and spend it on things that matter: paying back our national debt, funding social programs like Medicare and Social Security, improving infrastructure and raising the standards for education, just to name a few.

The root of the problem comes from the general attitude our society has about waste. Although our generation, in my opinion, is a little bit more conscious about reducing waste and conserving our resources, as a society we don't seem to mind just throwing things away when we don't need them or wasting money on things that we don't use.

How many times have we bought new clothes, an updated form of technology or an unnecessary amount of luxury items only to see them become obsolete by the next week?

Our government is a reflection of what our society values. If we want our politicians to cut wasteful spending, we must do two things: cut our own wasteful spending and care enough to urge our leaders to curb their wasteful ways.

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BOOKS | Multiple bookstores, libraries, reading locations available in Manhattan

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publications over electronic books. According to the Pew Research Center, 75 percent of Americans between the ages of 16 and 29 read print books, while 19 percent read an e-books. The remaining 11 percent reported listening to audio books.

Even for those who claim to not enjoy reading, Hedges is confident there are books for every taste.

"There is always a book out there. Not everyone is going to be able to read everything and like it and understand it, but I always encourage them that there are books that they will enjoy," Hedges said. "I would work hard to find them something they enjoy reading. I think there is always a book out there for everyone."

Students can come to the library and ask for assistance in

finding a book, even if they don't know what they are looking for, Hedges said.

For those looking to purchase books, Manhattan offers multiple bookstore options. The Dusty Bookshelf, located at 700 North Manhattan Ave., buys, sells and trades a variety of books. They also offer select "bargain books" for \$2 or less. Hastings, located at 626 Tuttle Creek Blvd., also sells new and used books and other forms of entertainment.

Manhattan residents can also check out books, movies and other entertainment from the Manhattan Public Library, located at 629 Poyntz Ave. To obtain a Manhattan Public Library card, residents must fill out a registration form and present photo identification (driver's license, student ID and military ID cards accepted), and proof of current address (recently postmarked mail, checks, rent

receipts and other forms of proof accepted). More information can be found at [manhattan.lib.ks.us/](http://manhattan.lib.ks.us/).

"Reading exposes us to things. It allows us to attempt to understand things and expand our perception of the world. It allows us to see things in different ways, through the eyes of different people."

**Cameron Leader-Picone**  
assistant professor of English

There are many options for where to read, too. Leader-Picone said he prefers reading at coffee shops.

"I like having people around. I don't like silence very much. If I'm reading at home, I listen to music," Leader-Picone said. "I find it harder to concentrate when nothing is going on around me."

For those who prefer a qui-

eter environment, K-State offers various on-campus options. The basement of Hale Library is a quiet zone and provides stu-

dents with a variety of armchairs for comfortable and quiet reading. The Beach Museum of Art also has a space on the second floor with chairs, tables and a view of the southeast corner of campus.

Hale Library hosts many events each semester to encourage students and community members to visit the library and pick up books. While they do

not have an event in honor of National Book Lover's Day, they do have an event planned, coincidentally, for that day.

International Games Day will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the Hemisphere Room of Hale Library. The afternoon will include video and board games, snacks and door prizes. The event is free and open to the public.

"It's a great way to get people into the building and sort of showcase what we have to offer," said Darchelle Martin, events and program manager at Hale Library. "For students, it's great to bring them into the building and show them different aspects of what's here and what our librarians can offer them. It's great for new students especially, because the library can be a little intimidating."

Leader-Picone said he believes reading is important because it allows people to explore

other situations and expand their views of the world. While some people are not fond of reading and tend to avoid it, they may actually be reading more than they realize, Leader-Picone said.

"They are probably reading all the time. I think they may believe they don't enjoy reading because they think of reading in a very particular way, which neglects many ways we read, from text messages to the Internet," Leader-Picone said. "People always read. They just don't realize it."

Leader-Picone is an empathized that there is an attention-grabbing book, or books, for everyone.

"If they say they don't like to read, they are reading the wrong things," Leader-Picone said. "They should find something that excites them, that interests them. There is always going to be something for everyone."

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# Drivers urged to exercise caution, stay aware during deer season

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contributing writer

Once winter hits, driving to class on icy roads can be perilous. However, there is another obstacle students must avoid: deer. Due to an increase in deer-related car accidents during winter, students should mentally prepare themselves for the possibility of hitting a deer.

"Last year Kansas had 9,200 deer-vehicle collisions," said Steve Swartz, chief of public affairs for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Although deer can be spotted on roads throughout the year, drivers should be more cautious of deer during the month of November.

"There are several factors to deer visibility during November: deer breeding and shorter days," said Mike Miller, chief of information services for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. "Bucks are looking for their mates, move greater distances and lose a lot of their wariness."

An additional factor that hinders deer visibility may be new construction sites on their territory.

"As we expand neighborhoods in wooded areas, it puts people in closer proximity to wildlife," Swartz said. "The closer to deer habitat, the more likely deer and cars will interact."

Susan Tucker, resident of Sherman Township, located north of Manhattan, has been involved in two car accidents caused by hitting a deer. Although her first accident was

minor, her second accident left her with injuries.

"My husband was in the car with me when he said, 'There's a deer ahead,' and I hit the brakes," Tucker said. "I hit the deer and both airbags deployed; I had a hairline fracture that caused my ribs to crack."

Tucker recalled her emotions when she hit the deer.

"You're a nervous wreck and sick to your stomach," Tucker said. "But you're thankful you're alive."

Despite what some people may believe, not all car insurance covers deer-related ac-

cidents.

"Insurance does not cover vehicles if the driver swerves and misses the deer," Tucker said. "Your vehicle is only covered if you actually hit the deer and if you have full coverage."

If a person does get into a deer-related car accident, they

will not be given a citation.

"If an accident does occur, the best course of action is to notify local law enforcement," said Capt. Tim Hegarty of the Riley County Police Department. "There are no repercussions for hitting a deer, provided no traffic violations were

involved."

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism has taken action to reduce the deer population.

"We provide news releases to the public and provide additional deer season passes to areas that have a bigger deer population," Miller said. "The extended season stabilizes the deer population and has improved certain areas within Kansas."

Citizens can help prevent accidents this year by simply being aware of their surroundings.

"You need to know that deer are moving more at dawn and dusk when people commute to work and home," Swartz said. "If you see a deer, it's prudent to slow down and be vigilant for the deer."

In addition to staying cautious at peak times, Swartz said it is important to be aware of other drivers.

"Lots of serious accidents occur when people swerve and hit other drivers," Swartz said. "It's better to just hit the deer."

Although there are steps drivers can follow to stay aware on the road, there is nothing to ensure an accident will not occur.

"There's very little that one can do to prevent a deer-related car accident other than normal alert driving," Hegarty said. "Particularly at night."

*Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.*



## BRIEFS | Open casting call on Monday

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### Open casting call for short film

Wildcat Watch will be holding an open casting call for a short film on Monday from 4-7 p.m. The producers are seeking three male actors between the ages of 20 and 30, one female actor between the ages of 20 and 30 and one male actor approximately 50 to 60 years of age.

A hair stylist, makeup artist and costume designer are also needed. No preparation is needed for the casting call. Production of the film will take place in mid-November. Participants will not be paid, but will receive a free DVD of the film for their reel. To set up an appointment for the casting call, email [little-appleprod@gmail.com](mailto:little-appleprod@gmail.com) or call 913-707-3770. More information about Wildcat Watch can be found at [k-state.edu/wildcatwatch/](http://k-state.edu/wildcatwatch/).

### Fundraiser dinner for Wonder Workshop

The Wonder Workshop will be holding a fundraiser dinner to aid the organization's move to the downtown area of Manhattan. A "Soul Food" dinner of fried chicken, collard greens, biscuits and more will be held at the Blue Hills Room next to RC McGraw's, located at 2317 Tuttle Creek Blvd., on Monday at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and funds raised will go to benefit the Wonder Workshop, which seeks "to address the educational, recreational and social needs of community youth and their families." For more information or to order tickets, call 785-776-1234 or email [wonder@kansas.net](mailto:wonder@kansas.net).

## SGA | Guest promotes upcoming performance of 'The Music Man'

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finalized by next Wednesday.

LeAnn Meyer, graduate student in theatre, then gave away tickets and T-shirts to promote "The Music Man" production.

"This is the first performance combining the theatre, music and dance departments," Meyer said.

"The Music Man" will be performed Nov. 8-11 in McCain Auditorium.

Student senator Amanda Osarczuk,

senior in microbiology, took to the podium to introduce a bill allocating funds for Alpha Kappa Alpha to hold an event raising awareness of the dangers of texting while driving.

Another bill was discussed to allocate funds to the sensible nutrition and body image choices group to show a film entitled "Pounds" and bring in the director and star to talk to students.

Both bills will be voted on at the next SGA meeting next Thursday in the Big 12 Room of the Union.

## IMPROV | New members 'blew us away,' On the Spot president says

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then felt so welcomed," Lee said. "But making it made me excited for the new year."

New member Daniel Neely, senior in food sciences, has been a fan of On the Spot since

**"I was pumped up. It was easier to do in front of an audience when you have someone to feed off."**

**Daniel Neely**  
senior in food sciences

he was a freshman, and had high school theatre experience prior to making the team this year.

"All the experience I really had with improv was watching 'Whose Line is it Anyway?'" Neely said.

The team practices just once a week, and this was its first live performance. On the

Spot's new members were excited to interact with a live audience.

"I was pumped up," Neely said. "It was easier to do in front of an audience when you have someone to feed off, when they laugh and have a big crowd reaction."

On the Spot performed bits filled with accents from characters such as Honey Boo Boo, Kung Fu Panda and a garden gnome to a packed theater filled with friends and fans.

"I cannot come up with things right off the top of my head. So it was really impressive and funny to see my roommate up there," said Emma Bassette, freshman in kinesiology. "It would be something I would come to from here on out."

On the Spot president Alec Todd was pleased with Thursday night's turnout.

"In order to have a good turnout, we require chalking on campus as a way to advertise," Todd said. "We had 17 performers tonight and having that many makes a lot of friends come out. Tonight I was impressed by the new members. They blew us away."

## Slacklining in style



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Tyler Vollick, senior in geography, balances on a slackline near the Quad on Thursday.

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